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Six months later...

[sfx]: Stare...

WELL?

GOTTEN USED TO THE WORK YET?

[sfx]: Creak

WOW~.

OKAY.

YEAH. I ALWAYS HAVE BEEN SKILLED AT LOOKING AFTER PEOPLE, AFTER ALL.

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CHAPTER 27: EPILOGUE

AFTER IT ALL ENDED, I QUIT SCHOOL.

I HAD NO RELATIVES TO RELY ON, BUT YOU INTRO-DUCED ME TO THIS JOB.

I REALLY OWE YOU A LOT, MIKURIYA.

WAS FOR THESE KIDS.

IT'S NOTH-ING... SINCE THE PAY'S CHEAP.

THEY'RE ALWAYS SHORT-HANDED HERE,

...STILL, I COULDN'T BELIEVE IT.

ALL THAT MONEY YOU WERE GATHER-ING...

YOU REALLY ARE A KIND AND GOOD PERSON, MIKURIYA.

DESPITE THAT MOUTH OF YOURS.

[sfx]: Pat

...I WENT THROUGH A LOT OF AWFUL STUFF WHEN I WAS A KID,

BUT THE PEOPLE WORKING HERE SAVED ME.

FATE BRINGING ME HERE WAS MY ONLY SALVA-TION.

SO... I WANTED TO TAKE CARE OF IT ALL.

TO TAKE CARE OF THIS PLACE, AND TO TAKE CARE OF ALL THE KIDS WHO ARE JUST LIKE ME.

WELL SORRY!

LOOK AT YOU, ACTING COOL AND TALKING ALL SAPPY.

WHEN YOU'RE JUST A... A DUMB VIRGIN!

[sfx]: Jump

AND YOU, TOO, OF COURSE.

HIROKI.

...
THANK YOU.

ARGH! THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT.

NOW I'M GETTING ALL SAPPY, TOO!

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BY THE WAY, HAVE YOU... READ IT YET?

...YOU MUST MEAN MY SISTER'S DIARY.

Written within was a stark and detailed account of everything that had happened to her until the day she died.

Powerful evidence, but the detectives warned me that I should ready myself before I opened its pages.

After the incident, when the police thoroughly investigated my place, they found my sister's diary.

YOUR SISTER'S THOUGHTS, ON ALL THAT?

WHO'D FEEL LIKE THEY'D WANT TO READ THAT?

THOUGHT SO.

...I STILL HAVEN'T READ IT.

SHE MARKED ONE SPOT WITH A LABEL THAT SAID "AT LEAST READ THIS."

WHEN MITSUMINE-SAN HANDED ME THE DIARY,

BUT... I DID READ ONE PART.

WHAT'D IT SAY?

I DID READ THAT PART.

October 16th

Another fight with Hiroki...

I was in the wrong, of course.

I'm the one always sucking up to him and causing him problems.

I have to get a hold of myself,

because sooner or later, he's going to run out of patience.

...Yeah.

[sfx]: Scratch

Tomorrow, I'll try to head outside.

But I'm still too scared to head out alone.

So I'll apologize to Hiroki, and we'll head out together.

HE SURELY WILL.

WILL HE GO ALONG WITH ME?

AFTER ALL, HE'S THE KINDEST GUY IN THE WORLD.

[sfx]: Scratch

SO... I'M SORRY, HIROKI.

BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO DEAL WITH MY SELFISH-NESS A LITTLE WHILE LONGER.

THAT'S RIGHT. I HAVE TO HURRY UP...

AND FREE MY KIND BROTHER FROM THIS SORRY EXCUSE FOR A BIG SISTER.

IT SEEMS LESS LIKE SOME-THING SPECIAL...

AND MORE LIKE THAT SHE WROTE DOWN HOW SHE USUALLY FELT.

WAS THAT ALL?

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IN OTHER WORDS, THIS WAS THE LAST THING SHE WROTE BEFORE SHE DIED.

.....

SHE WROTE THAT ENTRY ON THE NIGHT OF HER MURDER

MITSU-MUNE SAID,

"I DON'T KNOW HOW HER FINAL ENTRY WILL LOOK TO YOUR EYES,

BUT I DO THINK YOU SHOULD READ IT."

"AFTER ALL, THEY'RE YOUR SIS-TER'S LAST WORDS."

[sfx]: Crunch

YEAH...

THEY WERE.

[sfx] Place

[sfx] Hug

...HM?

MIKURU-YA..

THE KIDS ARE STARING AT US.

[sfx]: Squirming

[sfx] Waaahhh!

HA HA HA...

HUH?

YOU WISH FOR ME TO ASSIST YOUR INVESTIGA-TION?

YES.

THE POLICE HAVE DECLARED INVESTIGATIONS CONCERNING BODY SWAPPING TO BE TABOO.

FROM WHAT WE CAN TELL, SEVERAL HIGHER-UPS ARE INVOLVED WITH THE MIDNIGHT CROSS METHODS.

...I DO GET WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO SAY.

HOWEVER, WE HAVE NO INTEN-TION OF STOPPING.

OUR PLAN IS TO CONTINUE OUR INVES-TIGATION OF BODY SWAP-PING.

WE CAN'T LET THIS TRAGEDY EVER REPEAT.

BUT THAT SAID, YOU WOULD GENUINELY ASK FOR MY ASSISTANCE?

THAT'S RIGHT, KIRISHIMA SACHI. YOUR POWERS OF INSIGHT ARE ASTOUNDING

FURTHERMORE, INFORMATION ON THE DARK SIDE OF BODY SWAPPING IS SURELY BURIED IN X'S MEMO-RIES.

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...OR SO I WOULD LIKE TO SAY, BUT I HAVE SOME MISGIVINGS ON THE MATTER.

I AM WELL AWARE.

BECAUSE OF ME, THE PERSON YOU HOLD DEAR IS NOW—

...YOU'RE FINE WITH THIS? THINK IT THROU-GH.

THAT YOU WANTED X TO TAKE THE BLAME FOR CRIMES YOUR SISTER WILLINGLY COM—

HEY. ISN'T THE TRUTH...

...I DON'T MEAN TO BE CRUEL, BUT...

YOUR SISTER'S HEART WAS FAR MORE BROKEN THAN YOURS.

AND SO YOU MERGED WITH HER. TO KEEP HER SAFE, ACCORDING TO YOU.

WAS KILLING GRANDPA REALLY WHAT X WILLED?

HUH

.....

[sfx]: Twitch

OKAY.

I'LL HELP YOU OUT.

[sfx]: Slap

YOU WILL MAKE THE DEDUC-TION OF THE CENTURY.

IT SEEMS THAT IF I LEAVE YOU ALONE, MY DEAR GREAT DETECTIVE,

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THANK YOU FOR READING!
THE FOURTH VOLUME WILL BE
ON SALE JANUARY 27TH!

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